

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-03009-RBW**

PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. et al v DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE, et al  
Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/19/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**TERMINATED: 07/18/2019**

**Defendant**

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**Defendant**

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text   |
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| 12/19/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5849789) filed by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Dept of State, # <u>3</u> Summons Dept of Health & Human Services, # <u>4</u> Summons Dept of Justice, # <u>5</u> |

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|            |           | Summons Dept of Homeland Security, # <u>6</u> Summons Dept of the Interior, # <u>7</u> Summons U.S. Army, # <u>8</u> Summons Dept of Veterans Affairs, # <u>9</u> Summons Dept of Agriculture, # <u>10</u> Summons Dept of Defense)(Kelly, Joseph) (Attachment 1 replaced on 1/4/2019) (znmw). (Entered: 12/19/2018)  |
| 12/19/2018 | <u>2</u>  | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC. (Kelly, Joseph) (Entered: 12/19/2018)   |
| 12/19/2018 | <u>3</u>  | REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE re <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO, PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC.. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint,, filed by PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, INC., RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons U.S. Dept of Agriculture)(Kelly, Joseph) (Entered: 12/19/2018)   |
| 12/21/2018 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)  |
| 12/21/2018 | <u>4</u>  | SUMMONS (11) Issued Electronically as to All Defendants, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsb) (Entered: 12/21/2018)   |
| 01/25/2019 | <u>5</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE served on 1/22/2019, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/3/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/3/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/2/2019.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit USPS proofs of service)(Kelly, Joseph) (Entered: 01/25/2019) |
| 01/25/2019 |           | NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>5</u> Summons Returned Executed as to Federal Defendant; emailed to jck@jcklegal.com, cc'd 0 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Document incomplete/illegible, 2. Please refile document, 3. As to other remaining federal defendants (zjf, ) (Entered: 01/25/2019)  |
| 01/29/2019 | <u>6</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of All Defendants (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 01/29/2019)   |
| 01/29/2019 | <u>7</u>  | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint,, by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 01/29/2019)   |
| 01/30/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>7</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the defendants shall file their response to the plaintiffs' Complaint on or before March 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 30, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 01/30/2019)  |
| 01/31/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer to the Complaint due by 3/21/2019, (hs) (Entered: 01/31/2019)   |
| 02/08/2019 | <u>8</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Roberto Cesar Martens, Jr on behalf of U.S. ARMY (Martens, Roberto) (Entered: 02/08/2019)   |
| 03/21/2019 | <u>9</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 03/21/2019)   |
| 04/01/2019 | <u>10</u> | GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 1, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/01/2019)  |

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| 04/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Because the plaintiff pursues this action under the Freedom of Information Act, the initial disclosure requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(1)(A) are not implicated and no scheduling conference need be held. See Local Civ. R. 16.3(b)(10). Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit to the Court on or before May 8, 2019, a joint status report, proposing a schedule for the filing of, if any, dispositive motions, oppositions thereto, and replies. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 8, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 04/08/2019) |
| 04/09/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/8/2019 (hs) (Entered: 04/09/2019)  |
| 05/08/2019 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 05/08/2019)   |
| 05/08/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before July 15, 2019, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendants' production of records, the parties' attempts to narrow and resolve issues, and whether dispositive motions will be necessary to resolve this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 8, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 05/08/2019)   |
| 05/08/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/15/2019 (hs) (Entered: 05/08/2019)   |
| 07/15/2019 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 07/15/2019)   |
| 07/18/2019 | <u>13</u> | NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jeremy Allen Haugh on behalf of U.S. ARMY Substituting for attorney Roberto Martens (Haugh, Jeremy) (Entered: 07/18/2019)   |
| 07/24/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before September 20, 2019, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendants' production of records, the parties' attempts to narrow and resolve issues, and whether dispositive motions will be necessary to resolve this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 24, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 07/24/2019)  |
| 07/25/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/20/2019 (hs) (Entered: 07/25/2019)   |
| 09/20/2019 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 09/20/2019)   |
| 10/01/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 19, 2019, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendants' production of records, the parties' attempts to narrow and resolve issues, and whether dispositive motions will be necessary to resolve this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on October 1, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 10/01/2019)   |
| 10/01/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/19/2019 (hs) (Entered: 10/01/2019)  |
| 11/19/2019 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. ARMY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 11/19/2019)   |

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| 11/21/2019 |  | MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before January 21, 2020, the parties shall submit an additional joint status report updating the Court on the status of the defendants' production of records, the parties' attempts to narrow and resolve issues, and whether dispositive motions will be necessary to resolve this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on November 21, 2019. (lcrbw3) (Entered: 11/21/2019) |
| 11/22/2019 |  | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/21/2020 (hs) (Entered: 11/22/2019)  |